



CARTF

SpringHill Suites, Boise

April 7, 2017

## **MINUTES**

**Joshua Wickard**- Public Defender (Chairman)

**Bart Adrian, MD** – Pediatrician

**James Baugh**-Children with Disabilities

**open**– Mental Health

**Doug Giddings**-Idaho County Sheriff

**open**– Foster Youth

**JoAnn Gemar** – Homeless Education Liaison

**Jill Robertson**– Parent

**Jennifer Tachell**– Educator (Vice-Chairman)

**Lisa Nordstrom**- Child Advocate Attorney

**Miren Unsworth**- DHW, Family & Children Services

**Susan Bradford, MD** – Pediatrician

**Hon. Steve Clark**- Civil Magistrate Judge

**Jennifer Bergin**- Prosecuting Attorney

**Tahna Barton** – CASA

**Hon. Mark Rammell**- Criminal Magistrate Judge

**Nadine McDonald** – Juvenile Justice

**Molly Vaughn**– Victim Services Coordinator

### **ABSENT**

Mindy Peper - Administrative Support

GUESTS: Tamara Pittz; Melissa Osen; Galen Carlson

## **WELCOME**

Wickard welcomes everyone. Bergin moves to accept the minutes, Giddings seconds, all in favor and so moved.

## **TAMARA PITTZ, CHAPTER DIRECTOR, INCAC**

Tamara gives update on INCAC. Idaho has 4 accredited centers and 7 developing centers. The Western Regional CAC has changed hands to Rady's Children Hospital in California and so many changes have trickled down.

Tamara shared some topics for the October conference or trainings—MDT response to youth with problematic sexual behaviors. Other topics included sexual abuse medical evaluations (what it is and how it helps the MDT's investigation), sextortion (blackmailing people--how to interview a victim of this); and protective parent panic. Tamara will email Peper this list.

Tamara asks CARTF about doing a basic child forensic interviewer training. CARTF is out of grant funding for this fiscal year so this is something we need to consider for next year. The need is concentrated in Northern Idaho and Wickard mentions maybe we should hold the training up north. Wickard suggests we should coordinate tours of Boise FACES with participants who come down to our conference for training.

## **CONFERENCE UPDATE**

Agenda items:

Tamara Pittz introduce herself and talk about CAC development in Idaho  
CFR Team update  
New CARTF award  
Grant guideline changes

Peper has gathered 3 hotel bids and contacted Det. Miraglia though he has not responded yet.

Carlson suggests we could incorporate sextortion in as a topic to our main topic as well as sexual abuse medical evaluations, tailored to our audience.

Osen suggests we should have an avenue for teaching about technology. Ryan Pacheco might be another good resource for this. Osen will help Peper coordinate the vendors.

Reach out to some possible vendors and how does that work on the money side of things. Try to get some free raffle prizes and use this in correlation with early registration.

## **CHAMPIONS OF CHILDREN AWARD**

Wickard updates task force that work is happening and should have some results by next meeting.

## **TASK FORCE UPDATES AND CHANGES- OPEN POSITIONS**

Task force looks over second letter of interest and resume for Kathy Downes and holds discussion.

Both candidates are very qualified and would bring a lot to the task force. This is a difficult choice.

Rammell makes a motion to nominate Sheila Sturgeon Freitas to CARTF, Giddings seconds, continued discussion. All in favor and so moved. Wickard will contact both Downes and Freitas.

## **AGENDA: APR – MAY**

May- Deb Alsaker-Burke, Idaho Supreme Court Child Protection Committee at 9; new changes in CARTF grant giving guidelines; CFR team report; JEM friends-Liberty will attend at 10; conference update

June- conference; CARTF grants; Champions of Children Award

Fall- new CASA state director

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **GRANTS:**

McDonald suggests we begin to solicit for specific needs and from geographic areas in the future. Also suggests we have a regional amount to start with which can be reallocated to other regions if no one submits from that region.

Wickard agrees and wonders if it would be a good idea to hold meetings in other parts of the state on occasion to see the needs and give CARTF more exposure.

Barton suggests we have grant sub-committee that screens the grants before they come to the task force.

Bergin suggests that we have a single deadline for all grants and a scoring rubric.

Wickard suggests we need to revise our rules, guidelines, and priorities.

### **FAITH HEALING ISSUE:**

Wickard was invited to a conversation at state capitol regarding faith healing and shares some thoughts on the discussion and views shared.

## **ADJOURN**

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

PEPER-

Put together spreadsheet of MDT grants given 2015-2017

Reach out to Karla Kinzel about rules/guidelines for our grants

Order nametags- Nordstrom, Carlson, Osen, Freitas

**CARTF will meet May 5 at 9:00 AM at SpringHill Suites in Boise**